

WANT MORE MEN

An Army of 50,000 Required for the Philippines.

NATIVES ARE DETERMINED

Harass the American Forces Greatly—Minnesota—Oregon—The Fighting.

NEW YORK, April 11.—A cable to the World from Manila says: "General Lawton has taken the towns of Lumban and Pagejan. The rebels made a stand at Lumban, but were dislodged with heavy loss. They had blocked the river and the gunboat Laguna de Bay had to fire at long range. Fifty rebels were taken prisoners. The Americans lost no men in taking Lumban. They captured six small steamers and several caissons."

While it is probable that there is an end to big engagements in the Philippines between the Americans and the Filipinos, the war is not at an end by any means. It is the universal opinion among Army men here that it will require the presence of 50,000 American troops to occupy the territory that has been taken and to keep open communication among the islands.

General Lawton's advance promises to meet the harassing resistance. Trenches are built by the enemy from town to town. On all sides the rebels are in sight commanding or by means of signal fires. They avoid being caught in a trap and are quick to harass the flank. Since the 25th the enemy's losses have not been more than double ours. Our kindness to the rebel wounded and prisoners does not allay their hatred and enmity. Only a small portion of the population of the north have returned to their homes. Only the diseased and aged remained in Santa Cruz. Aguilardo is reported to be in San Fernando and is still in absolute charge of the defenses of the new capital and of Calumpit.

NEW YORK, April 11.—A cable to the Sun from Manila, dated April 11, 5:25 P. M., says: A large force of insurgents from the eastern foothills made an attack early this morning upon the Thirteenth Minnesota Infantry, which was guarding the railroad in the vicinity of Bacac, and the fighting soon became general between Martino and Guiguinto. General Wheaton came down from Malabon with reinforcements as soon as possible and an armed railway train was also brought into requisition, with the result that the rebels were routed and put to flight.

The losses of the enemy killed and wounded are estimated at over fifty. The losses of the Americans were three killed and fifteen wounded. Previous to the insurgent attack the telegraph wires had been cut by non-combatants. Filipinos pretending to be friendly, and this considerably hampered the Americans in communicating with Malabon for re-enforcements.

Last night five men of the Second Oregon Infantry, who were patrolling the railroad near Malabon, were ambushed by insurgents and two of them were killed and the other three wounded.

MANILA, April 11, 5:50 P. M.—It is supposed that many of the rebels who attacked General MacArthur's line of communication and who were repulsed by the troops commanded by General Wheaton were natives who entered the region in the guise of friendlessness. They had seemingly secreted arms in several places and fired on the Americans from the bushes at no close a range that they could be heard distinctly. One of the Filipinos yelled in English: "We will give you—Americans enough of us before we are through!"

The rebels undermined the railroad at Marilao and unhooked the rails in an effort to wreck the train, while the railroad gang participated in the fight. The work of the rebels was discovered and repelled before a train arrived. General Wheaton is preparing to punish the Filipinos.

The military governor, Oster, has brought thirty-two rebels wounded, one killed and six wounded Americans to the hospital. It is now known that ninety-three insurgents were killed during the capture of Santa Cruz.

IS WAR PLEASED

Edward Politz Speaks of Phantoms Here.

The following interview with Edward Politz shortly after his return from his recent trip to this city is taken from the Chronicle of the City.

Edward Politz, the stockbroker, returned yesterday from Honolulu on the Mariposa. This is his third trip to the islands within a year, during which he obtained a thorough knowledge of the island industries and more particularly as to the sugar plantations, in which he is very extensively interested. He left San Francisco on March 4th, making this third journey mainly in the interest of Eastern and European capitalists, who desired full information upon the sugar industry, with a view of investing in plantations.

Mr. Politz said when seen at his home, that the improvements on the islands since his last visit, three months ago, surprised him most sanguine expectation and he ascribes much of these improvements to the introduction of scientific methods in testing the soil by experienced chemists, the proper application of fertilizers and timely and proper irrigation, which had been rather crude for

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